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Dear Joshua:

Many thanks for your last letter. We have written to all the people whom you have suggested for the panel. Hayes has unfortunately answered that he cannot come. Werner Braun, Austrian, Fredericq and Bertani have accepted. In addition, the organizing committee has put Szybalski's name to the list whom they were apparently compelled to place on the panel of ^{one of} the symposia in order to get financial support from a pharmaceutical company for his trip and the trip of some other people. I hope that you do not mind this. They have already committed themselves to Szybalski and he said yes.

In view of the short time available for the symposium, it is hardly possible to have more than five discussers on the panel if they are to say something. All those who have accepted have asked for more information about their duties. Before answering them, I should be very grateful if you would let me know your point of view. The time allotted to the symposium is formally not more than three hours but it is possible that it may be prolonged an additional thirty minutes. The organizing committee has taken the following general standpoint on the symposia:

"We don't think that a general discussion from the floor is suitable for a plenary symposium with perhaps 1.000 auditors. Instead we propose to have a panel of around four specialists asking questions to the lecturers when they have presented their papers. Those will be made available to the specialist group some weeks ahead of time, and it will be suggested that they get together just before the symposium to talk about what questions that might lead to the most fruitful discussion. Of course it will not only be a matter of simple questions but enough time should be available, so that the panel participants can give short accounts of such parts of their own work that is pertinent to the discussion. If time is available after this "rostrum discussion" the audience will be given the opportunity to ask further questions.

This is our general idea for organizing the plenary

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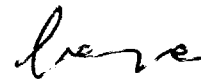
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symposia but we are by no means "sold" on the plan, and any criticism will be appreciated."

I hope that you had a pleasant journey back home and you are not too tired after your big trip.

With warmest regards, also to Ester,

yours as ever,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Lederberg', written in dark ink.

GK/bl